

September 16, 2025

July 15, 2025, Meeting Minutes

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Vice Chair Ted Kagan (Special Interest - Seat A) called the meeting of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments

Public Comments: None

Member Comments: Sharlene Ornelas

Associate Regional Planner Tim Garrett provided updates on agency activities.

Consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The SSTAC was asked to approve the minutes from its May 20, 2025, meeting.

Public Comments: None

Action: Upon a motion by Sharlene Ornelas (At-Large – Seat C), and a second by Sharon Beckas (At-Large – Seat B), the SSTAC voted to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed.

Yes: Ted Kagan, Alex Warner (Special Interest – Seat B), Sharon Beckas, Sharlene Ornelas, Marcy Roke (Traveler's Aid Society of San Diego), Alissa Poorman (FACT – Seat A), Paola Zilli (FACT – Seat B), Juan Garcia (MTS Fixed Route), Ioni Tcholakova (NCTD Fixed Route), Jennifer Lara (NCTD Paratransit).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: At-Large – Seat A, San Diego Center for the Blind, Options for All, On the Go, Jewish Family Services, MTS Paratransit

Reports

3. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Membership Selection

Tim Garrett presented the results of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council membership application period and introduced members selected for the FY 2026 term.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Information

4. Annual Public Hearing

The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council conducted its annual public hearing to solicit the input of transit dependent and transit disadvantaged persons, including the elderly, disabled, and persons of limited means, regarding public transportation needs in San Diego County.

Chair Kagan opened the public hearing at 10:28 a.m.

Public Comments: Ethel Miranda

Chair Kagan closed the public hearing at 10:35 a.m.

Action: Conduct Public Hearing

5. Planning and Design for Six Next Gen Rapid Routes

Senior Regional Planners Brian Lane and Cecily Taylor presented an update on the initial planning for six new Rapid routes.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Information

6. Coordinated Plan Update

Associate Regional Planners Tim Garrett and Rubi Morales presented initial recommendations to support the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan.

Public Comments: None

Action: Discussion

7. Regional Reconnecting Communities Study

Associate Regional Planner Lizzy Havey presented an overview on the Reconnecting Communities Study and requested feedback from Social Services Transportation Advisory Council members.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Discussion

8. Updates from Transit Operators - Metropolitan Transit Service, North Coast Transit District, and Facilitating Access to Coordinated Transportation

Representatives from MTS, NCTD, and FACT presented updates on service changes and notable activities at each agency.

Public Comments: Ethel Miranda

Action: Information

9. Adjournment

The next Social Services Transportation Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 10 a.m.

Vice Chair Kagan adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Confirmed Attendance at SSTAC Meeting

Jurisdiction	Name	Attended
Special Interest Voting Member - Seat A	Vice Chair Ted Kagan (Primary)	Yes
	Wayne Landon (Alternate)	Yes
Special Interest Voting Member - Seat B	Alex Warner (Primary)	Yes
	Clytie Koehler (Alternate)	Yes
At-Large Voting Member - Seat A	Todd Lordson (Primary)	No
	Lorry Seagrim (Alternate)	No
At-Large Voting Member - Seat B	Sharon Beckas (Primary)	Yes
	Todd Shaw (Alternate)	No
At-Large Voting Member - Seat C	Sharlene Ornelas (Primary)	Yes
	Marissa Romero Lucero (Alternate)	No
San Diego Center for the Blind <i>(Social Services Provider for Seniors)</i>	Samantha Stephan (Primary)	No
	Marianela Camarillo (Alternate)	No
Travelers Aid Society of San Diego <i>(Social Services Provider for Seniors)</i>	Marcy Roke (Primary)	Yes
	Adrianna Yemhatpe (Alternate)	Yes
Options for All <i>(Social Services Provider for Persons with Disabilities)</i>	Brian Nero (Primary)	No
	Rachel Holiday (Alternate)	No
On The Go <i>(Social Services Provider for Persons with Disabilities)</i>	Maureen Glaser (Primary)	No
	Vacant (Alternate)	--
Jewish Family Services <i>(Social Services Provider for Persons with Limited Means)</i>	Kristine Stensberg (Primary)	No
	Marilyn Greenblatt (Alternate)	No
FACT - Seat A <i>(Local Consolidated Transportation Service Agency)</i>	Alissa Poorman (Primary)	Yes
	Christian Hernandez (Alternate)	No
FACT - Seat B <i>(Local Consolidated Transportation Service Agency)</i>	Arun Prem (Primary)	No
	Paola Zilli (Alternate)	Yes
MTS Fixed Route	Juan Garcia (Primary)	Yes
	Keith Vann (Alternate)	No
MTS Paratransit	Diana Hernandez (Primary)	No
	Vacant (Alternate)	No
NCTD Fixed Route	Ioni Tcholakova (Primary)	Yes
	Ricky Cervantes (Alternate)	No
NCTD Paratransit	Jennifer Lara (Primary)	Yes
	Katie Persons (Alternate)	No